

SOUTHERN TOWNS GOING RIGHT AHEAD IN BUILDING

Richmond and Minor Cities to the South Including Atlanta, Doing a Big Manufacturing Business.

The Manufacturers' Record, in summing up building operations in leading Southern and Southwestern towns and cities for the month of July, says:

Operations in Richmond have shown a large increase as compared with the same month last year. A total of 129 permits were issued, representing an estimated cost of \$1,600,000. An increase over July, 1913, of \$26,478 for new construction and \$27,379 for alterations and repairs. The total amount of work authorized from January 1 to July 31, inclusive, is estimated at \$2,665,662. A total of fifty-eight permits were issued in July, 1913, representing an estimated cost of \$1,600,000. An increase over July, 1912, of \$26,478, as compared with June; these figures show a decrease of \$1,422. In Raleigh, N. C., twenty-eight building permits were issued during the month, representing a cost of construction of \$1,750,000. The value of permits was estimated at \$1,600,000. A total of thirty-five permits were issued in Winston-Salem for construction estimated to cost \$1,825,019. A total of thirty-five permits was issued in Greenville, S. C., during July, representing a cost of construction of \$3,958. Of this total \$51,300 was for new structures and \$27,625 for alterations. The value of construction for which permits were issued in Atlanta during the month is estimated at \$45,963, as against \$43,493 for July, 1913. The value of operations for the first seven months of this year is estimated at \$3,195,692, as compared with \$3,564,720 for the corresponding period last year. Permits were issued in Tampa during the month of 148 for July, representing a cost of construction of \$10,515. The total value of operations for the first seven months of the year is estimated at \$56,525. Permits were issued at Orlando, Fla., during the month for construction to cost \$1,375. Figures are not available for St. Petersburg, Fla., but a report of building operations for the fiscal year ended July 31 shows that \$430,000 has been expended for buildings, of which \$356,000 was for residences. In Nashville, Tenn., a total of sixty-five permits was issued during July, representing a cost of construction of \$154,020. As compared with July, 1913, these figures show an increase of twenty-six in the number of permits and about \$257,000 in the cost of construction. The value of operations in Knoxville during the month was estimated at \$66,350, as compared with \$78,762 for July, 1913. Permits were issued in Dallas, Tex., for construction to cost about \$1,000,000, and in Houston, \$108,578. Operations in Houston involved 97 permits, including temporary and permanent structures. In Galveston a total of 180 permits was issued representing a cost of construction of \$100,000, while 106 permits were issued in Fort Worth, representing a cost of construction of \$127,676. The value of operations in Beaumont during the month was about \$160,000. In Oklahoma City sixteen permits were issued during the month, representing a cost of construction of \$20,830, as compared with eighteen permits issued in July, 1913, representing a cost of \$1,000 for buildings and \$2,000 for alterations and repairs. In Baltimore the value of construction for July, including alterations and repairs, was estimated at \$1,314,668, of which \$1,044,969 was for new improvements; \$177,639 for additions; the remainder for alterations. The value of operations from January 1 to July 31, inclusive, is estimated at \$3,564,724.

War and War Rumors.

When the business farmers of thirty States assemble in Fort Worth September 1 for the annual convention of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union, it will have an important bearing on the business interests of the United States, so reads the circular just issued by the Farmers' Union.

Unprogrammed issues will come up for first consideration through necessity. The interests of the farming and ranching interests of the country and through the possible stringency that the European war may cause in America will be the prime object of the conference.

So far no set program has been announced for the main body of the convention, but Charles E. Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, who is in Fort Worth a few days now arranging for the approaching convention, said to reporters that the European war and its effect on American farming will be one of the most important matters before the convention.

No less than 2,000 farmers will attend this convention. An example of the interest shown in the war by the farmers was seen at the recent State convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas in Fort Worth, where delegations from every state in the country, excepting but Europe, likewise turned to these very institutions that they might help to meet some of their problems.

"If there is in our people, and surely all must admit that there is, the capability of learning by sad experience, they will learn through this situation to make less rash of our great business leaders who are too ready to recognize the integrity of characters as equals to their strength in financial affairs. The government and the business interests of the country have been brought into closer touch and into closer cooperation than for many years, and out of this much good will come."

SOME GOOD THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

"We have been brought as a nation into closer touch and bankers and business leaders have learned that most officials have all learned to know each other, somewhat better, have learned to see each other face to face and eye to eye, and this is worth much. We have at the same time learned the need of safeguarding our future against the conditions which now prevail and learned the need of building up a more efficient marine in keeping with our resources and the possibilities of our commerce."

"Moreover as a nation we have been taught as we could not have been taught in any other way the supreme necessity of a great merchant marine. For years men who have foreseen the possibility of this condition have labored to bring about an opportunity to the importance of the subject. The necessity for a merchant marine has never been so clearly recognized as it is now. Indeed, many people have scouted at the need of it, and said that we could more wisely depend upon European ships to carry our stuff abroad, because they could do it at less cost. But we have learned that if our import duties should continue to fall off it may be necessary for the United States to create an extra tax that will approach a regular war tax in order to make up for the deficiency caused by the falling off in duties. If this should be found necessary, of course, tobacco would have to pay a heavy tax to help to burden us. We trust our representatives in Congress will look closely after the tobacco interest of the country."

As to Tobacco, Many.

The Southern Tobacco Journal, col.

g. E. Webb's own paper says:

"They are evidently going to be a determined effort made to move crops that are about ready to be marketed. Congress will do all in its power to prevent the introduction of tobacco and tobacco and all other articles that are in demand across the waters and that are needed now more than ever before. We trust that tobacco will receive all due consideration in any move that may be made. Not only is this necessary on account of the fact that many thousands of tobacco farmers are in debt, but also because the fact that if our import duties should continue to fall off it may be necessary for the United States to create an extra tax that will approach a regular war tax in order to make up for the deficiency caused by the falling off in duties. If this should be found necessary, of course, tobacco would have to pay a heavy tax to help to burden us. We trust our representatives in Congress will look closely after the tobacco interest of the country."

Don't Rock the Boat.

"Don't you fret about the money stringency of to-day, caused by some fool war talk. The whole thing will be all right when the banks and money banks have all the money that is needed for business, and they are not going to let war talk keep it tied up very much longer. Be patient, sit still and don't rock the boat, and keep a

good account of the present unsettled conditions of the cotton and tobacco markets."

Richmond bank clearings for the week ending August 14th were \$17,547,372 against \$17,224,445 for the previous week. The banks in this city are continuing their operations to a limited

extent.

Autos for Hire.

Thomas B. Hicks Sons, 21 E. Main St., Mad. 89-Ran. 24

Banks.

The Church Hill Bank, 250 E. Broad St., Madison 1004

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Joseph L. Bicycles, 110 E. Main St., Madison 3038

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Alop Motor Co., K-R-U-C, 21 E. Main St., Mad. 852

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